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## OUR HOME COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rockbridge Mutual Insurance Company, on the 23rd of this month, is an event of interest to the farmers of Rockbridge. Whether it shall continue its work of usefulness, or be circumscribed to its present limits, is a matter that ought to concern every well-wisher of the company.

The maximum amount allowed by its charter of \$1,000,000 has long since been reached, and because it has not been enlarged, the usefulness and efficiency of the company has been greatly impaired. There is business right here for it to do, but applicants are forced to go to the old line companies, which cost much more, to get safe insurance. There is no tenable reason why the charter cannot be changed to suit the healthy and growing condition of the company, and be made \$2,000,000 instead of \$1,000,000. The expenses need not necessarily be more than at present. The secretary, the chief salaried officer, is employed at \$150 a year, and the pay of the board of directors is not allowed to exceed \$30 per year for each director.

The company has of late years gotten rid of all hazardous risks, and confined itself more strictly to the purposes for which it was instituted, the furnishing of the farmers with a cheap and safe home insurance at exactly cost. There never can be a cheaper insurance that is sound and reliable, for the Rockbridge Company just has to pay actual losses, no high salaried officers or army of agents being recognized.

By all means increase the amount allowed by the charter, and let our home company do all the business it can get. Money spent with this concern remains at home, and this is a matter worthy of consideration.

The trial of Judge C. J. Campbell of Amherst on an indictment charging him with a felonious assault upon Rev. C. H. Crawford, came to an end at midnight Saturday with a verdict of acquittal. When the verdict of the jury was read, yells, shrieks and loud huzzas rent the air. The Campbell element was in a large majority, and it gave full vent to its glad feelings. Although then past midnight, the sound of the Court House bell rang out upon the air, and Judge Campbell's friends held a meeting at which resolutions were adopted with a shout endorsing the acquittal of Campbell. The jury members retired at 9 o'clock and at 1 o'clock announced that it could reach no decision. It stood 11 for acquittal and one for conviction on charge of common assault. The verdict of the jury was a surprise to everybody who lived remote from the vicinity where the assault occurred.

Old walnut stump: that were regarded as worthless are sought after at prices that seem almost fabulous. An Indiana concern has had men travelling over the country buying every old walnut stump that could be found. At first the prices paid were small, but as the eyes of the stick-timber people began to open the prices went higher and higher until now they are out of sight, and the funny part about it is that the uglier, knottier and more unsightly the stump the more money it will bring. The stump of a walnut tree cut several years ago is now bringing more than the whole of the tree. The stumps are made into veneering material and used in the manufacture of high-grade furniture.

In the Sixth Congressional district last Saturday, a primary was held to nominate a candidate for Congress. The candidates were Hon. Carter Glass of Lynchburg, Hon. Graham Claytor of Bedford, and Colonel S. M. Bowman of Roanoke. Glass led the other candidates by about 3,000.

Hon. John L. Marye died at his home in Fredericksburg Saturday. He was Lieutenant Governor of Virginia under the Walker administration and a member of the Underwood Constitutional Convention.

## County Correspondence.

### A Virginia Welcome.

For The Gazette.

On Saturday, July 19th, about four p. m., after a hot, fatiguing journey, the undersigned, with wife and two pairs of bright little folks, three trunks &c., arrived at Glasgow, Va., five miles from Falling Spring manse. Our car of furniture had preceded us only the day before, to Buffalo Forge, two miles from the manse.

At Glasgow we were awaited by several members of our church there, especially by Mr. R. G. Paxton, with carriage and pair of nice bays to convey us to Falling Spring, and two horse dray for our trunks and traps. A nice drive brought us, before six p. m., to the spacious manse and 40 acres "lot", with garden ready made, a much talked of home which wife and the kids had great anxiety to see.

Arriving in the midst of a refreshing shower—welcome closing of a hot day and nearly two hundred miles journey—what do we find? The manse already occupied by Elder J. S. Paxton, his good wife, Deacons Clark and Beard and several deaconesses, by whom, with the help of various other members, and a number of wagons, our household goods had been seized on arrival, conveyed to the manse, the carpets and matting down, curtains and shades up—more than we had shipped—and, to crown all, a hot supper ready; and so we found ourselves being served first by the congregation. The pantry was supplied with things necessary, and a hint was given, which we soon understood, that more was to follow—flour, sugar, lard, coffee, ham, chickens, &c., with hay and oats in the barn.

A hearty greeting by good congregations at both churches on Sunday, was followed throughout the week by daily calls from members, not empty handed.

Monday morning a good fresh cow was driven in. Tuesday a nice combination bay for the parson on easy terms—and this is what we call now—"A Virginia Welcome."

We are happy, and would not exchange such a home and such a people for all the college presidencies.

A. G. BUCKNER.

Buffalo Forge, August 2.

### Fairfield.

Gazette Correspondence.

August 4.—Mr. James A. Wilson of Cyprus Falls, came near having a serious accident by lightning on last Saturday afternoon, the large locust tree in his front yard being struck and torn down. The current ran in on the phone wire destroying the phone and following the wire into the ground making quite a hole in the earth. The damage however consisted of demolishing 50 window lights, turning over some house-furnishings, etc. Luckily no one was in front of the house at the time.

Mr. S. B. Wallace and wife of Charleston, W. Va., together with Miss Price of New Market, Va., are the guests of Mr. J. W. Wallace and family.

Miss Elmer Ehard of Louisiana, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Maude McCauley.

Misses Stephanie Roadcap and Grace Parker of Raphine, and the Misses Laekey of Timber Ridge, were guests at the Methodist parsonage last week.

Rev. J. Spencer Smith and Mrs. Smith have arrived in Fairfield to take up their residence.

Mr. F. H. Templeton and Miss Bertie Sale are sojourning at Wilson's Springs.

Misses Babe Lyon, Sue Clemmer, and Mabel Hanger are attending the teacher's examination in Lexington.

The Methodist Sunday school gave a supper last Friday night to raise money for a new library.

### Jim Spring.

For The Gazette.

August 5.—Few Lexington people are aware of the fact that there is such a place in this county as Jim Spring. It is situated about two miles south-east of the Rockbridge Alum Springs, in a delightfully cool valley at the foot of a mountain between Lexington and the Alum.

The place is owned and managed by Mr. John Fitzpatrick of this county, who lives on the premises during the summer months, looking after the interests and comforts of the many visitors who occupy his clean and comfortable cabins there in rows to the Spring, which is several hundred yards up the valley. The water is chalybeate and sulphur and delightfully cool and refreshing.

Cabins can be rented for a very small sum per week and parties can keep house, or can get board with Mr. Fitzpatrick who is well fixed for that purpose. The principal amusements are fishing and hunting during the day and game playing at night upon a large square platform, which the genial host has built for this purpose. Its close proximity to the Alum makes it also a desirable place to spend the summer.

### Murat.

Gazette Correspondence.

August 4.—We had very copious showers on Tuesday and Wednesday. The farmers are now singing the song of gee-haw to their teams as they break ground for wheat.

A few farmers in this section have threshed. There were a few who did not cut any wheat, others did not get their seed back; the average was less than three bushels to the acre.

Mr. W. B. F. Leech returned Fri-

day from Virginia Beach, where he was attending the State Board of Agriculture. He reports almost a total failure of tobacco in the East and especially in Henery county.

Mr. John A. Mateer has moved into our neighborhood, on the farm recently bought of Mr. Alexander Zollman. Mr. Zollman has moved to a place bought of Mr. Wm. Jennings in Falling Spring neighborhood.

Bowlin & Wilson are making much improvement on Buffalo. They built a large barn for Wm. Deacon, a stable for F. G. Ruff, three new houses for Gum Lee, and have contracted to build three more barns in the near future. They built a new dwelling house for Wm. Miller at Sidway.

Mr. J. F. McKenry has entered suit against the Texas and Pacific R. R. for damage caused to his back in the week on July 17, retaining F. T. Glasgow as counsel. St. Elmo.

### Upper Collier's Creek.

Gazette Correspondence.

August 4.—On Tuesday, the 29th, the four weeks of drought was broken by a down-pour of rain and from that time on we have had copious showers every day. As a result, there will be thousands of bushels of corn made. Pasture is coming to the front and the farmers are rejoicing.

Mr. Isaac McFadden and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. S. McFadden, and children of Rockville Ind., are the guests of Mrs. Rachel Hull at Marmion.

Mrs. Willie Hill of Roanoke, is here, visiting her father, Mr. Wm. Entsminger.

Mrs. E. W. Tribbett, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Wm. Cummings and two of her children, took the advantage of the Buena Vista excursion last week to Luray. They were well pleased with their trip.

Miss Minnie Adair of Kerr's Creek, has been the guest of Mrs. H. W. Wade for the past week, at Marmion.

Messrs. Maura Anderson of Marmion and A. S. Black of Collierstown, have recently been granted license by the State Medical Board of Examiners to practice their profession.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Montgomery left this morning for a two weeks' stay in Pocahontas and Randolph counties, W. Va.

Mr. Bake Hutton, one of our townsmen, after an absence of nine years, attended church at Collierstown last Sunday.

Miss Nannie Hutton of Baltimore, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Montgomery of Marmion.

Messrs. Swink, Bady and Weed, machine men, have about completed threshing out the crops in this section. As a result, small crops were realized.

Mr. J. C. Forsythe of Staunton, is visiting his sister, Mrs. G. G. Tribbett, at Maple Grove. X RAYS.

### Wilson's Springs.

Gazette Correspondence.

August 4.—Last Saturday, August 2nd, was a red letter day in the history of Wilson's Springs. Without any preconceived notion on the part of the visitors there drove into the grounds in the forenoon by actual count 49 carriages, buggies, spring wagons and one trolley-bus from Buena Vista. Counting the 150 permanent sojourners there must have been at least 400 people here on Saturday.

Three boys, visitors at the Baths, came up to Wilson's Springs Thursday night, together with the contents of corn and probably some machinery, which were stored there. The house was struck by lightning during the storm Friday night. The loss was not discovered until Saturday morning. House and contents were insured in the Rockbridge Mutual Insurance Company for \$250.

Clifton Forge Review: Miss Louise Nair of Lexington, who has been the guest of her cousin, Miss Blanche Merritt, returned to her home on Sunday last.—We greatly regret to learn that Mr. R. B. Paxton will move his family to Lexington in the near future. Mr. Paxton is one of our most substantial and highly respected citizens and his removal is a distinct loss. He has been given the run between Balcony Falls and Lexington, on the Lexington Branch of the C. & O., and his residence is therefore permanently changed. We wish for him and his estimable wife a pleasant residence in that classic old town.

Newport-News Saturday's Press: Past Grand Chancellor E. L. Cunningham, of the Knights of Pythias of Virginia, will leave next Friday on a ten day tour in the upper part of the State, making official visits to the lodges in that section for Grand Chancellor J. W. Gordon, who will be unable to make the trip. Past Chancellor Cunningham will go first to Waynesboro, then to Lexington, Buena Vista, Clifton Forge, Hot Springs and Newcastle, in the order named.

### Among the members of the Lexington Bar Association, which convened at Hot Springs yesterday, are Judge S. Houston Letcher, Hon. H. St. Geo. Tucker, Messrs. Frank T. Glasgow, Paul M. Penick, E. M. Pendleton, and Professor W. R. Vance.

John O. L. Goggin died in Bedford county last Thursday of consumption, aged about 30 years. He was a grandson of Ex-United States Senator Robert E. Withers.

The congregation which filled the Laurel street Methodist church, of Richmond Sunday night was treated to a regular sermon by Miss Alpha Johnson, daughter of the Rev. H. E. Johnson, pastor of the church, who is absent in the country.

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### Gilmore's Mills.

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Aug. 4.—Mr. Osborn Mortimer of Chicago, is the guest of Mr. J. W. Gilmore.

Mrs. C. A. Seal and children are visiting relatives in Augusta county.

Miss Mattie Wade returned from visiting relatives at Saltpeetre the first of this week,

Mr. M. W. Barger was in Lexington Monday.

We are sorry to state that Mrs. Starke Bradford is very ill with appendicitis at her home near here.

Miss Rubie Inge of Bedford county, is visiting Miss Mabel Hatcher.

Captain Chiles is enlarging the storeroom occupied by Mr. E. N. Chiles, which will give much needed room; also making four nice dwelling-rooms over store.

JIM SWINGER.

### Buffalo Forge.

Gazette Correspondence.

August 5.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Clark are spending a few weeks at Jim Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bettell of Marshall, Texas, are summering here at the home of Miss Mollie Burks.

Communion services will be held at Falling Spring church Sunday, August 17th.

Little Arnold Buckner had the misfortune to be kicked by a horse on last Saturday, but was not seriously hurt.

Misses Stella Blackburn of Staunton, and Edith Clemmer of Fairfield, are visiting Miss Gussie Beard.

Buffalo Mills Sunday school will have their annual picnic in the grove near the home of Miss Mollie Burks Saturday next, August 9th.

Rev. C. D. Waller of Marion, former pastor of Falling Spring, is spending a few days visiting that congregation.

Mr. T. S. Rees, who has been on the sick list for some weeks, has about recovered.

B. F. V.

### Re-Dedication of Ebenezer.

For The Gazette.

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of Marmouth, Rockbridge county, expect to have their new church, Ebenezer, re-dedicated on Thursday, August 21st.

The sermon will be preached at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. A. S. Rogers, pastor of A. R. Presbyterian congregation at Rock Hill, S. C.

In the afternoon, we will be favored with a history of the congregation from its organization up to the present time, by Rev. W. M. Hunter, of Monitor, W. Va. Preaching will continue through Sabbath, two services each day.

Our neighboring brethren and friends are cordially invited to be present. Respectfully,

D. P. NEILL, Pastor.

### Delightful Luray Excursion.

The Union Sunday School excursion to the Luray Caverns, which left Buena Vista last Wednesday, was a great success. Financially, about \$350 was realized as profits, besides giving free transportation to the members of the Sunday school.

The excursion train consisted of thirteen coaches, drawn by two engines, with about 850 passengers aboard. Business houses of the city, including several factories, closed for the day and a generally deserted appearance prevailed in the city. A pleasant feature of the trip was the delightful music furnished by the Buena Vista band, which was reinforced by several additional players.

### House and Contents Burned.

The log dwelling house of Mr. J. W. Lindsay on his farm situated near the power house of the Lexington Light and Power Company, was destroyed by fire Friday night, together with the contents of corn and probably some machinery, which were stored there. The house was struck by lightning during the storm Friday night. The loss was not discovered until Saturday morning. House and contents were insured in the Rockbridge Mutual Insurance Company for \$250.

### Election of Teachers.

Central District School Board will elect Teachers for the school year 1902-03, on Friday, August 22, 1902.

The meeting will be held at the office of THE LEXINGTON GAZETTE.

Those desiring to teach will file their application with the clerk of the Board, W. B. WALLACE, Clerk, at 631, Central District School Board.

### JOHN T. McKEE,

Real Estate Agent,

BUENA VISTA, VA.

Has a number of good Farms in his hands for sale.

Farmers who wish to sell will find it to their interest to call on or write him. He is advertising outside the county to attract purchasers of Rockbridge farms.

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### Commissioner's Notice.

S. McD. MOORE's Admr., Plaintiff, against S. McD. MOORE's Legatees, Defendants.

The undersigned commissioner in chancery for the Circuit Court of Rockbridge county, to whom the above styled cause was referred by decree pronounced therein on the 20th day of September, 1901, directing him at the close of the next fiscal year of the Plaintiff's administration upon his testator's estate, to take, state, settle and report to the Court a true and correct account of the Plaintiff's administration upon the estate of said testator, from the foot of the settlement confirmed by the said decree, hereby gives notice that he has appointed,

Wednesday, September 3rd, 1902,

as the time, and his office in the Town of Lexington, Virginia, as the place, for executing said decree.

Given under my hand this 6th day of August, 1902.

PAUL M. PENICK,

Comm'r. in Chancery.

### Public Sale

OF

### Personal Property.

Having sold my farm, I desire to sell my personal property. And intending to move to Missouri, I will offer for sale all my personal property on

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15th, 1902, at my residence near Fancy Hill, commencing at 10 o'clock sharp, the following property, to wit:

4 Good Work Horses and 2 Colts, 4 Young Milch Cows, 25 Yearlings entitled to pasturage on the farm the present season, 1 Good Yearling Bull, 5 Thoroughbred Shropshire Sheep, 3 Brood Sows and 10 Shots, 12-Horse Wagon, 1 Buggy, all principal cities via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Every modern convenience. Rooms en suite with private bath. Open from June 31st to September 30th. For rates and information address W. E. Burwell, Manager.

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## The Constitutional Tree.

During the session of the Constitutional Convention an oak tree was sent to each member and officer of that body from the agricultural department at the instance of Congressman Harry L. Maynard of Portsmouth. There were 100 members of the convention. Appreciating the interest in these memorial oaks and their whereabouts, the Richmond Dispatch addressed letters to each member making inquiry as to the disposition made of them, the ceremonies, if any, attending their planting, and what the prospects of the trees are.

J. W. Gilmore, one of the delegates from Rockbridge, replied as follows: "The constitutional oak was duly received and planted without ceremony at my home at which myself and ancestors have been living since 1810. The tree is growing nicely."

Hon. A. C. Braxton's of Augusta, has become public property. He says:

"Replying to your favor of July 22, 1902, inquiring where the tree received by me was planted, and whether there were any ceremonies accompanying the planting of it, and whether it is growing. The tree planted by me is growing very nicely in the courthouse square."

C. J. Campbell of Amherst, says:

"Replying to your inquiry in regard to the Constitutional Convention Oak, will say I planted mine in front of my office on the court green, but it died. I hope to get another in the fall. There were no ceremonies attending its planting."

Congressman Harry D. Flood:

"The oak tree sent me by Congressman Harry L. Maynard was planted on the lawn of my home by my manager without 'pomp or ceremony,' and is living and growing well."

A Lively Interest.

Dr. Joseph W. Southall, superintendent of public instruction, has received the following letter from Dr. W. H. Ruffner, the first superintendent of public instruction of Virginia, which shows that though the writer is quite old and has long been out of the service, yet that he takes a lively interest in the subject of public education:

Lexington, Va., July 28, 1902.

Hon. Joseph W. Southall,

My dear Sir,—I thank you for part I of your forthcoming report. It is instructive and encouraging and your remarks I consider sound and judicious. The Board of Examiners ought to be appointed. There should also be special inspection and report on methods and results in the country schools.

With best wishes, sincerely yours,

W. H. RUFFNER.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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